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## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### House Membership

### Representative Scott Hochberg



### Biographical Information

Scott Hochberg is serving his fifth term as State Representative to the Texas Legislature from District 132 in southwest Houston. Because of changes made to district lines as part of the redistricting process, he is seeking re-election from newly-drawn District 137.

Mr. Hochberg has been recognized as one of the Texas' ten best legislators by Texas Monthly magazine. And, his role on technology issues has earned him recognition on Texas Monthly Biz magazine's list of the Top 25 Most Influential Texans in high tech.

Mr. Hochberg chairs the Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over the funding of state universities, community colleges, public schools and related state agencies. He also serves on the House Committee on Public Education and on the Select Committee on Public School Finance.

His work on the education committee has included passage of a parents' bill of rights, improved accountability for special education programs, additional school district performance audits, the state's first program to fund school building construction and renovation, and the creation of a medical safety board for student athletics. He has been honored as Legislator of the Year by the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education and as Outstanding Texas Legislator by the Texas PTA. He represents Texas on the education panels of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference.

Mr. Hochberg has been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his work to lower the state's DWI alcohol level. He has also worked successfully to strengthen prosecution of skinhead groups and others who commit hate crimes. He has passed legislation to protect patients from late billing by hospitals, and to provide fair workers compensation payments for workers injured on part-time jobs.

Mr. Hochberg led a successful effort to hold industry responsible for so-called "upset" air pollution caused by poor maintenance. As an advocate of open government, he led in the effort to post all legislative actions and state agency rules on the Internet. Mr. Hochberg has been appointed by Chief Justice Tom Phillips to serve on the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, and was appointed by House Speaker Pete Laney to represent the House on the Workers' Compensation Research and Oversight Council and on the University Interscholastic League Advisory Council.

Mr. Hochberg is a Houston native. After earning his Master in Electrical Engineering degree from Rice University, he co-founded an electronic manufacturing firm that he headed for 12 years before selling his interest. He currently operates a consulting practice specializing in software development and web site design. He serves on the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Houston and also on the boards of the local chapters of the American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League. He has served as president of the board of Houston Taping for the Blind and as trustee of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition. Mr. Hochberg is a graduate of Leadership Houston.

He has been honored by the American Cancer Society for his support of legislation to reduce smoking. The Women's Political Caucus of Houston has honored him with their annual "Good Guy" award, and the Harris County Democrats have presented him with their Frankie Award for Education. Rice University has recognized Mr. Hochberg's volunteer efforts by naming its radio broadcasting tower in his honor.

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